

27 April 1979

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Staff Meeting Minutes of 27 April 1979

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The Director chaired the meeting. []

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McMahon offered some thoughts for the Director to consider on alternative approaches for stating the intelligence community's level of confidence in monitoring the upcoming SALT agreement. This prompted considerable discussion. The Director thanked McMahon for introducing some very meaningful points and remarked that any statement on our monitoring capability must be centered on a modicum of true confidence. []

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The Director asked Lehman about the reported Soviet acquisition of a warm water base in North Korea. Lehman reported that this is a civilian port located at Najin, very close to the Soviet border and within easy reach of Vladivostok. []

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Hetu reported that Oregon magazine's second piece of the Mullen story, "I Was Idi Amin's Basketball Czar," is out--no serious problem. Hetu noted that he felt that the 26 April presentation by ABC TV's Ted Koppel on "What's Happening to the CIA" seemed not to be too bad in his opinion. In response to Hetu's query on how things went at yesterday's SCC on SALT, the Director said that "everybody is now on board"--that principals will coordinate henceforth on public statements dealing with SALT. []

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Bowie reported that he will have a paper ready today on stability in Saudi Arabia. 25X1

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Lapham, noting limited provisions for an Acting DCI beyond the DDCI, asked who will be in charge while the Director is in Phoenix. The Director said he had not planned to formally appoint an Acting DCI. He noted, however, that by virtue of time in grade, Dirks is the Agency's senior man and, if necessary, things for the Director should go to Dirks. It was noted also that the Director would be within fairly easy reach. 25X1

Waller reported briefly on the Intelligence Oversight Board's interest in the incident in South Africa. 25X1

May reported on results of an Agencywide survey concerning the "pay parking" circular from OMB, and that for our 30 April response to OMB there are two basic options that could be used in appealing to OMB for exception and/or flexibility. He described both and the Director agreed with May's recommended option, which in effect requests a waiver on parking charges at Agency facilities located in suburban areas. 25X1

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